

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, cancel claims 7-10, and add new claims 18-25 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle, the rearview mirror assembly comprising:

a support structure for mounting the mirror assembly to the vehicle, the support structure including a first part for substantially permanent connection to the vehicle and a second part for selective connection to the first part;

a support arm on which at least one mirror is mounted, the second part of the support structure being disposed on the support arm; and

a locking mechanism disposed on the support structure for selectively locking together the first and second parts of the support structure to thereby secure the support arm and mirror to the vehicle, the locking mechanism including a key activated locking mechanism including a key cylinder mounted on the first part of the support structure and a latch member operatively connected to and rotatable via the key cylinder for selectively lockingly engaging the second part of the support structure.

2-6. (Withdrawn)

7-10. (Canceled)

11-17. (Withdrawn)

18. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, further including an adjustment mechanism attached to the support arm, the adjustment mechanism configured to allow the support arm to be pivoted relative to the vehicle.

19. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the support structure first part includes a clamp receptacle affixed to the vehicle, and the support structure second part includes an insertable component inserted into the clamp receptacle in an inserting direction, further including a slidably installed clamping wedge on the insertable component, the wedge, upon pushing of the insertable component, clampingly locking the insertable component and the clamping wedge to the clamp receptacle.

20. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 19, wherein the clamping wedge is slidable on the insertable component in a direction at right angles to the inserting direction of the insertable component.

21. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the support structure includes a snap-in detent apparatus.

22. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 21, wherein the snap-in detent apparatus includes a snap-in spring element affixed to the support structure first part and which snaps into a corresponding recess in the support structure second part.

23. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, further including a cover removably attachable to the support structure first part, removal of the cover exposing the locking mechanism.

24. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 22, further including a cover removably attachable to the support structure first part, removal of the cover exposing the locking mechanism and the snap-in spring element.

25. (New) A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the latch member is hook-shaped.